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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 80% of mail originating in the country is spam;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to bring a law in order to enable net users to get rid of net nuisance; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): As per the study conducted on Internet Security by one of the international industry leader dealing in security products spam origination in India amounts to about 76%. However spam originating in India accounted for 1 % of all spam originating in the top 25 spam-producing countries.

(b) and (c): Section 43 & 66 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 provides a legal framework to check spam and unsolicited e-mail in the country. Further a bill to amend Information Technology Act, 2000 was introduced in the Parliament on 15 December, 2006 to strengthen the legal framework and provisions pertaining to cyber crimes including spam in the principle Act.